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SUBJ: PBUBLICITY ON TARAPUR RESUPPLY

1. TWO STORIES ON TARAPUR RESUPPLY DATELINED WASHINGTON
APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS OVER THE PAST WEEKEND.
THE FIRST AND MOST CONTENTIOUS BY M.V. KAMATH WAS
HEADED "INDIA URGES QUICK DECISION BY USA" AND APPEARED
IN THE "TIMES OF INDIA" ON JANUARY 30. KAMATH ALLEGED
THE FOLLOWING:

A. INDIA HAS QUIETLY INFORMED THE CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION IT WANTS A QUICK DECISION ON TARAPUR FUEL SINCE
THERE IS LESS THAN A ONE MONTH FUEL SUPPLY LEFT BEFORE
A SHUTDOWN BECOMES INEVITABLE.

B. DURING INFORMAL TALKS AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE
HINTED URANIUM ORE COULD BE SUPPLIED ON CONDITION THAT
INDIA SELLS BACK EVERY GRAM OF SPENT FUEL.

C. INDIA IS HOLDING THE US TO THE LETTER OF THE
AGREEMENT ON TARAPUR AND ON HOPE IS THAT THE DISPUTE
CAN BE SOFTENED BY GESTURE ON THE PART OF INDIA THAT
THE US NEED NOT HAVE ANY FEAR OF MORE INDIAN NUCLEAR
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TESTS.

2. A MORE BALANCED ACCOUNT OF US REVIEW OF NUCLEAR
POLICY WAS CARRIED UNDER WARREN UNNA'S BYLINE IN THE
"STATESMAN" ON JAN 31. UNNA MADE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC
POINTS RE TARAPUR:

A. HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR DETERMINATION IS WHETHER THE USA SHOULD CONTINUE ITS LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO REFULE TARAPUR.

B. DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS THERE HAS BEEN A SPATE OF REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER ORDERED A CUTOFF OR INDEFINITE DELAY IN US FUEL SHIPMENTS TO TARAPUR; AND THAT SECRETARY VANCE CONTRARILY HAD GIVEN INDIA ASSURANCE TARAPUR SHIPMENTS WOULD GO AHEAD AS AGREED IN THE LONG TERM INDO-AMERICAN CONTRACT.

C. THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT DENY BOTH REPORTS. THEY SAY THE SUBJECT WAS NOT MENTIONED DURING AMBASSADOR KEWAL SINGH'S EXCHANGE WITH SECRETARY VANCE, BUT THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON GAVE ASSURANCES TO THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THE USA CONSIDERED A DECISION ON TARAPUR AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

D. THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THE NEXT SHIPMENT OF ENRICHED FUEL MUST REACH HYDERABAD BY MAY IN ORDER THAT FABRICATED FUEL MAY BE AT TARAPUR BY NEXT WINTER.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE INFORMED THE MEA THAT THE KAMATH PIECE IS INACCURATE AND THAT THE UNNA STORY MORE NEARLY REPRESENTS THE FACTS OF THE NUCLEAR REVIEW IN WHICH THE US IS NOW ENGAGED. END COMMENT.
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